

## **News Release**

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Corps of Engineers at Lake O' the Pines to issue permits to people with disabilities for All Terrain Vehicle use during the 2008-09 hunting season

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Lake O' the Pines will be issuing permits to people with disabilities for All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) usage during the 2008-2009 hunting season (Sept. 22 - Jan. 4) at the hunting area south of the dam and west of Cypress Creek. Permits will be distributed at the Project Office beginning Sept. 8. There will be no charge for the permits at this time. People interested in obtaining a permit must provide a written certification from a physician stating that they have a "permanent ambulatory disability". All permittees must obtain and carry an ATV Safety Certificate while riding at the hunting area.

As a reminder, rifle hunting for deer or feral hogs is only authorized for hunting areas south of the dam and west of Cypress Creek and for hunting areas north of Highway 155. For all other areas, hunting for deer or feral hogs is restricted to shotguns with slugs, muzzle loading rifles, and legal archery equipment.

Also, a special white-tailed deer hunting event will be held for physically challenged hunters Dec. 18-21.

A special white-tailed deer hunting event will be held for youth hunters Jan. 17-18. Both hunts will be conducted at Brushy Creek Park. Please contact Darren Turner, President, Challenged Outdoorsmen of America - Northeast Texas Outdoors Chapter at 903-746-3044 for information concerning the hunt.

The Corps of Engineers wishes to remind everyone to ride safely and be a safe hunter, to respect fellow hunters, other recreationalists, and adjacent property owners, and to follow Corps of Engineers rules and regulations. ATV usage and hunting on public lands is a privilege, and a responsibility of everyone.

For additional information, please visit the Lake O' the Pines Project Office or call 903-665-3911 and ask to speak to a member of the Natural Resources Staff.

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